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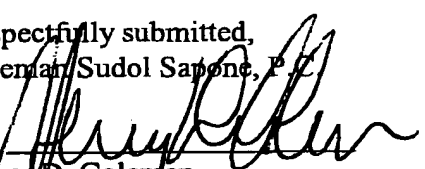
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the outstanding office action of February 26, 2003, for which a three-month response period ending May 26, 2003 was set. The extended deadline is June 26, 2003. The amount of fifty-five (\$55.00) should be debitted against Deposit Account 04-0838. A small entity verification form has been previously filed in the application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due in connection with this communication, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-0838. A copy of this Request is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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